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A PERSIAN STORY.

In Sir John Malcolm's most agreeable and instructive "Sketches of Persia" we meet the following highly amusing story, which, Sir John says, was related to him by his friend Hajee Houssein, at a dreary spot in Persia, named the Valley of the Angel of Death.

The Hajee informed his companion, that this was one of the most favourite terrestrial abodes of Azrael, (the Angel of Death), and that here he was surrounded by Ghoos, who are a species of monsters that feed on the carcasses of all the beings which he deprives of life. "The Ghoos," he added, "are of a hideous form, but they can assume any shape they please, in order to lure men to their destruction: they can alter their voices for the same laudable purpose."

In conclusion, said the Hajee, "These creatures are the very lowest of the super-natural world; and besides being timid, are extremely stupid, and consequently often imposed upon by artful men. I will recount you a story that is well authenticated, to prove that what I say is just."

AMEEN OF ISFAHAN AND THE GHOO. "You know," said he, "that the natives of the Isfahan, though not brave, are the most crafty and acute people upon the earth, and often supply the want of courage by their address. An inhabitant of that city was once compelled to travel alone and at night through this dreadful valley. He was a man of ready wit and fond of adventures, and though no lion, had great confidence in his cunning, which had brought him through a hundred scrapes and perils, that would have embarrassed or destroyed your simple man of valour."

"This man, whose name was Ameen Beg, had heard many stories of Ghoos of the Valley of the Angel of Death, and thought it likely he might meet one: he prepared, accordingly, by putting an egg and a lump of salt in his pocket. He had not gone far amid the rocks we have just passed, when he heard a voice crying, 'Holloa, Ameen Beg Isfahane! you are going the wrong road; you will lose yourself: come this way: I am your friend Kerrem Beg: I know your father, old Kerbel Beg, and the street in which you were born.' Ameen knew well the power the Ghoos had of assuming the shape of any person they choose; and he also knew their skill as generalists, and their knowledge of towns as well as families; he had, therefore, little doubt that this was one of these creatures alluring him to destruction. He, however, determined to encounter him, and trust to his art for his escape."

"Stop my friend, till I come near you," was his reply. When Ameen came close to the Ghoos, he said, 'You are not my friend Kerrem, you are a lying demon; but you are just the being I desire to meet. I have tried my strength against all men and all the beasts which exist in the natural world, and I can find nothing that is a match for me. I came therefore to this valley, in the hope of encountering a Ghoos that I might prove my prowess upon him.'"

"The Ghoos astonished at being addressed in this manner, looked keenly at him, and said 'Son of Adam, you do not appear so strong.' 'Appearances are deceitful,' replied Ameen; 'but I will give you proof of my strength.' There, said he, picking up a stone from a rivulet, 'this contains a fluid; try if you can so squeeze it that it will flow out.' The Ghoos took the stone, but after a short attempt returned it, saying, 'The thing is impossible.' 'Quite easy,' said the Isfahnee, taking the stone and placing it in the hand in which he had before put the egg: 'look there!' and the astonished Ghoos, while he heard what he took for the breaking of the stone, saw the liquid run from between Ameen's fingers, and this, apparently, without any effort."

"Ameen, aided by the darkness, placed the stone upon the ground while he picked up another of a darker hue. 'This,' said he, 'I can see, contains salt, as you will find if you can crumble it between your fingers.' But the Ghoos, looking at it, confessed he had neither knowledge to discover the qualities, nor strength to break it. Give it me, said his companion impatiently; and, having put it into the same hand with the piece of salt, he instantly gave the latter, all crushed, to the Ghoos, who, seeing it reduced to powder, tasted it, and remained in stupid astonishment at the skill and strength of this wonderful man. Neither was he without alarm lest his strength should be exerted against himself: and he saw no safety in resorting to the shape of a beast, for Ameen had warned him that if he commenced any such unfair dealing he would instantly slay him; for Ghoos, though long-lived, are not immortal."

"Most wonderful man!" said he, "will you honour my abode with your presence? it is quite at hand: there you will find every refreshment; and, after a comfortable night's rest you can resume your journey."

"I have no objection, friend Ghoos, to accept your offer: but mark me,—I am, in the first place, very passionate, and must not be provoked by any expressions which are in the least, disrespectful; and, in the second, I am full of penetration, and can see through your designs as clearly as I saw into that hard stone in which I discovered salt: so take care you entertain none that are wicked or you shall suffer."

"The Ghoos declared that the ear of his guest should be pained by no expression to which it did not best fit his dignity to listen; and he swore by the head of his liege lord, the Angel of Death, that he would faithfully respect the right of hospitality and friendship."

"Thus satisfied, Ameen followed the Ghoos through a number of crooked paths, rugged cliffs, and deep ravines, till they came to a large cave, which was dimly lighted. 'Here,' said the Ghoos, 'I dwell; and here my friend will find all he can want for refreshment and repose.' So saying, he led him to various apartments, in which was hoarded every species of grain, and all kind of merchandise, plundered from travellers who had been deluded to this den, of whose fate Ameen was too well informed by the bones over which he now and then stumbled, and by the putrid smell produced by some half-consumed carcasses."

"This will be sufficient for your supper, I hope," said the Ghoos, taking up a great bag of rice: 'a man of your prowess must have a tolerable appetite. True,' said Ameen but I ate a sheep, and as much rice as you have there, before I proceeded on my journey. I am, consequently not hungry; but I will take a little rest I offend your hospitality.' 'I must boil it for you,' said the demon; 'you do not eat grain and meat raw as we do. Here is a kettle,' said he taking up one lying amongst the plundered property: 'I will go and get wood for a fire while you fetch water with that,' pointing to a bag made of the side of six oxen."

"Ameen waited till he saw his host leave the cave for the wood; and then, with great difficulty, he dragged the enormous bag to the bank of a dark stream which issued from the rocks at the other end of the cavern, and after being visible for a few yards, disappeared under ground."

"How shall I, thought Ameen, prevent my weakness being discovered; This bag I could hardly manage when empty; when full it would require twenty strong men to carry it—what shall I do? I shall be eaten up by this Cannibal Ghoos, who is now only kept in order by the impression of my great strength. After some minutes' reflection, the Isfahnee thought of a scheme, and began digging a small channel from the stream towards the place where the supper was preparing."

"What are you doing?" vociferated the Ghoos, as he advanced towards him; 'I sent you for water to boil a little rice, and you have been an hour about it. Cannot you fill the bag and bring it away?' 'Certainly I can,' said Ameen: 'if I were content to show my gratitude merely by feats of brute strength, I could lift your stream, if you had a bag large enough to hold it; but here,' said he, pointing to the channel he had begun, 'here is the commencement of a work in which the mind of man is employed to lessen the labour of the body. This canal, small as it may appear, will carry a stream to the other end of the cave, in which I will construct a dam that you can open and shut at your pleasure; and thereby save yourself infinite trouble in fetching water; but pray let me alone till it is finished,—and he began to dig. 'Nonsense!' said the Ghoos, seizing the bag and filling it; 'I will carry the water myself; and I advise you to leave off your canal, as you call it, and follow me, that you may eat your supper and go to sleep; you may finish this work, if you like it; to-morrow morning.'"

"Ameen congratulated himself on this escape, and was not slow in taking the advice of his host. After having eaten heartily of the supper that was prepared, he went to repose on a bed made of the richest coverlets and pillows, which were taken from the store rooms of plundered goods. The Ghoos, whose bed was also in the cave, had no sooner laid down than he fell into a sound sleep. The anxiety of Ameen's mind prevented him from following his example: he rose gently, and after having stuffed a long pillow into the middle of his bed to make it appear as if he were still there, he retired to a concealed place in the cavern to watch the proceedings of the Ghoos. The latter awoke a short time before daylight, and rising went, without making any noise, towards Ameen's bed, where not observing the least stir, he was satisfied his guest was in a deep sleep; so he took up one of his walking-sticks, which was in size like the trunk of a tree, and struck a terrible blow at what he supposed to be Ameen's head. He smiled, not to hear a groan, thinking he had deprived him of life; but to make sure of his work, he repeated the blow seven times. He then returned to rest, but had hardly settled himself to sleep, when Ameen, who had crept into bed, raised his head above the clothes and exclaimed, 'Friend Ghoos, what insect could it be that has disturbed me by its tapping? I counted the flap of its little wing seven times on the coverlet. These vermin are very annoying, for though they cannot hurt a man, they disturb his rest!'"

"The Ghoos's dismay, on hearing Ameen speak at all, was great; but that was increased to perfect fright when he heard him describe seven blows, any one of which would have felled an elephant, as seven flaps of an insect's wing. There was no safety, he thought ere so wonderful a man; and he soon afterwards arose and fled from the cave, leaving Isfahnee its sole master."

"When Ameen found his host gone, he was at no loss to conjecture the cause, and immediately began to survey the treasure with which he was surrounded, and to contrive means for removing them to his own home."

"After examining the contents of the cave, and arming himself with a match lock, which had belonged to some victim of the Ghoos, he proceeded to survey the road. He had, however, only gone a short distance, when he saw the Ghoos returning with a large club in his hand and accompanied by a fox. Ameen's knowledge of the cunning animal instantly led him to suspect that it had undeceived his enemy,

but his presence of mind did not forsake him. 'Take that,' said he to the fox, aiming a ball at him from his match lock, and shooting him through the head; 'take that for your not performing my orders. That brute,' said he 'promised to bring me seven Ghoos, that I might chain them and bring them to Isfahan; and here he has only brought you, who are already my slave.' So saying, he advanced towards the Ghoos; but the latter had already taken to flight, and, by the aid of his club, bounded so rapidly over rocks and precipices, that he was soon out of sight."

"Ameen having marked well the path from the cavern to the road, went to the nearest town; and hired camels and mules to remove the property he had acquired. After making restitution to all who remained alive to prove their goods, he became, from what was unclaimed, a man of wealth; all of which was owing to that wit and art which ever overcame brute strength and courage."

NEW GOODS.

JOSEPH M. GRANADE respectfully informs his friends and the public generally, that he has returned from the North with a large and well assorted stock of Goods, which he will sell on reasonable terms. Among them are to be found the following articles, viz:

- 16 hds. prime retailing Sugar, 30 bags Isle of France do., in size packages to suit families.
5 lbs. Loaf and Lump Sugar, 30 bags Java Coffee, 30 " St. Domingo do.
10 hds. prime retailing Molasses, 18 bbls. N. Y. canal Flour, 10 half do. do.
20 bbls. Baltimore Howard street do. 40 " Pilot and Navy Bread, 10 " Soda, Butter and Water Crackers, 2 firkins fresh Butter, 1 bbl. dried Beef, 1 " do. Tongues, 50 lbs. Bologna Sausages, 10 kegs small twist Tobacco, 2 " Cavendish do.
100 lbs. Kitefoot Tobacco for smoking, 50 " paper chewing Tobacco, 2,000 Spanish Segars, in whole, half and quarter boxes, 2,000 Principe do., most approved brand, 10,000 Baltimore half Spanish Segars, 5 hds. Baltimore Rye Whiskey, 10 " N. E. Rum, 10 bbls. do. do.
10 " Apple Brandy, 10 " Rye Gin, 5 " Monongahela Whiskey, 2 pipes Holland Gin, 2 " French Brandy, 1 " Champagne Brandy, 1 hhd. Jamaica Rum, 1 " St. Croix do.
1 qr. cask old Madeira Wine, 1 " Sherry do. 1 " " Port do. 1 " " Lisbon do. 5 " " Tennesse do. 5 " " Muscatel do. 6 " " Sweet Malaga do. 12 baskets Champagne do.
10 boxes Lemon Syrup, do. 2 " Sarsaparilla do. 2 doz. jars French Pickles, 1 " West India Preserves, 1 " bottles Capers and Olives, 1 box dried Plums, 1 bbl. Currants, 1 " Brazil Nuts, 1 " Burdeaux Soft Shell Almonds, 1 " Filberts, 2 " Madeira Nuts, 2 boxes Shelled Almonds, 1 case Currant Jelly, 250 Cocoa Nuts, 1 box Jojobe Paste, 2 bbls. Apples, 4 boxes Raisins, 500 lbs. assorted Candies, 50 boxes brown Soap, different qualities, 10 " marbled and white do. 10 " Poland Starch, 5 " Chocolate, 20 " Tallow Candles, 5 " Sperma do.
4 quarter chests Gunpowder Tea, 4 " Imperial do. 1 whole chest Hyson do. 20 catnies " do. to suit families, 10 kegs P. F. and P. Dupont's Powder, 1 ton assorted size Shot, 5 " " Sweed. English and American Iron, 500 lbs. German and American Steel, 50 kegs cut Nails.
A general assortment of Crockery and Stone Ware, Demi-johns, from one-half to five gallons, A few table Dry Goods,—among which are articles for men and boys' Summer Clothing, Ready made Clothing, Span Cotton from No. 5 to 10, Canvas and Duck for vessel and boat Sails, 50 coils tar'd and Manila Rope, 6 " bolt Rope, Sail Twine, A good assortment of Hardware and Cutlery, 20 sets Measures, 6 Iron bound half bushels, 6 Willow Carriages, 6 " Cradles, 6 sets Table Mats, 1 doz. Twine Brushes, 2 " Straw Coat Brushes, 2 " " Brooms, 1 " Market Baskets, 1 " German Pipes, 5 " tooth Brushes of superior quality for Ladies, 20 " Straw Hats, all qualities, 3 " Leghorn Hats for children, 1 " Coral Necklaces, Watch Chains and Keys, 4 doz. Silk and Leather Purses, 10 M. Percussion Caps, 2 doz. plated Candle Snuffers, Shell tuck and side Combs, Horn do. do. do. Dressing do. do. Comb and hair Brushes, 6 Silver Watches, 4 doz. Thimbles, 4 " Steel Pens, 1 " Beed Bags, 3 " Welch Guards, 3 " Silver Tweezers, 2 " Tooth Picks, 2 " Silver Pencils, 2 " Gilt Slides, 1 " Jet do.
A good assortment of Perfumery, &c. &c. Newbern, May 9th, 1836.

FOR SALE ON CONSIGNMENT, 6 REFRIGERATORS, or ICE preservers, an excellent article for family use. J. BURGWIN, Devereux's Buildings, May 2d, 1836.

PETIT GULF COTTON SEED. JUST received from New Orleans, and for sale by the subscriber, prime fresh Petit Gulf Cotton Seed. J. BURGWIN, Devereux's Buildings, May 3d, 1836.

SAMUEL OLIVER, Jun.

HAS returned from the North, and is opening on Pollock Street, next door to Mr. Saml. Simpson, an entire new assortment of SPRING GOODS, which he will dispose of on terms which he is confident cannot fail to please.

HE HAS ALSO A FEW CASES OF Old Choctaw Madeira, Pale Sherry, Champagne, Lemon Syrup, English Cheese, Loaf, Lump and Brown Sugars, Coffee, Tea, &c. &c. May 11, 1836.

FOR SALE ON CONSIGNMENT, 10 hds. N. E. Rum, 4 pipes do. do., 40 bbls. do. do. Apply to J. BURGWIN, Devereux's Buildings, May 10.

Just Received PER Schr. Friendship from Baltimore, and for sale low, 66 bbls. and half bbls. superfine Flour, 5 " Pilot Bread (small biscuit), 15 " Butter and Water Crackers, 5 " Rye Whiskey, 10 " " Gin, 10 " Cider Brandy, 30 " N. E. Rum, 5 hds. Muscavado Sugars, 10 bbls. do. do. 1 hhd. prime P. R. Molasses, a superior article for family use, 20 bags " St. Domingo, Laguira, and old Java Coffee, Plaster Paris, dried Peaches and Plums, Corned Beef, By D. M. VAN BOKKELEN, Newbern, May 10th, 1836.

D. M. VAN BOKKELEN HAS returned from New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore—from which markets he has made a large and general addition to his former Stock of Goods; and is now prepared to furnish his Customers and the Public in general, with as full an assortment as has before been offered in this market, viz:

- Groceries— LIQUORS, WINES, AND CORDIALS. Hardware— CROCKERY, GLASS, EARTHEN, WOOD, WILLOW & HOLLOW WARES. Carpenter, Cooper and Blacksmith Tools. IRON.—Steel, Nails, & Castings. SADDLERY.—Harness & Mountings. Coach and Gig Trimmings, Hats and Shoes, INDIA RUBBER CLOTHING, and Goods: impervious to air or water. PAINTS, OILS & MEDICINES. FRUITS AND NUTS. Among the Groceries are a variety of articles for immediate family use, viz: Dutch Herrings, Pickled Salmon, Pickled Tongues, Smoked Beef, " Falton Market," choice Corned Beef, Mackerel, No. 1, Anchovies, Pickled Cucumbers, Soda, Butter, and Water Crackers, Goshen Butter, Old and New Cheese, Almonds, Filberts, Madeira Nuts, Fresh Currants, Dates and Raisins, Canton Ginger, &c. &c. Which he offers for sale at the lowest market prices, at the old stand, corner of Pollok and Middle streets. May 4th, 1836.

NOTICE. THE partnership heretofore existing between MOSES W. JARVIS and JOHN G. GRANBERY, was dissolved on the first day of April last. J. G. Granbery having disposed of his interest in the Tan Yard lately conducted by himself and M. W. Jarvis, to John Gildersleeve, the business will in future be transacted by the subscribers. MOSES W. JARVIS, JOHN GILDERSLEEVE, Newbern, 10th May, 1836.

IRISH POTATOES. THE Subscriber has just received 100 bushels of White Mercer POTATOES, for Seed. WILLIAM BROWER, Newbern, 27th April.

E. R. HUBBERD, SURGEON DENTIST, RESPECTFULLY informs the Ladies and Gentlemen of Newbern and its vicinity, that he has returned to Newbern for the purpose of attending to the various branches of Dental Surgery. He has taken Rooms at Mr. Cutler's Hotel, where he may be found at any time when called for.—Ladies will be waited on at their dwellings, if required. Feb. 22d, 1836.

NOTICE TO MARINERS. COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, DISTRICT OF OCHOCOKE, April 20th, 1836. THE Long Shoal Light Boat, having undergone repairs, has again been placed at her station, and will show a light as usual. S. BROWN, Superintendent of Lights.

A Female Teacher Wanted. A respectable family, some fifteen miles from Newbern, in a pleasant and healthy neighbourhood, wish to employ a Tutoress for their little daughters. She would reside in the family and be treated with affection and respect. Applicants will please communicate their terms, &c. at an early day, to the Editor of the Sentinel, who is authorized to furnish such other information on the subject as may be desired.—April 6, 1836.

New Spring Goods. THE Subscribers have just returned from New York, with an entire new stock of FANCY & STAPLE GOODS, which they offer for sale low, at their Store in the brick row, on Craven street.

AMONG THEIR ASSORTMENT MAY BE FOUND: Elegant painted Muslins, French Calicoes and Gingham, Plaid, figured, plain, col'd and black Silks, Plaid and striped Muslins, English, German and American Prints, Jaconet, Cambric and Book Muslins, Belt and Bonnet Ribbons, Silk and Gauze Handks, and Scarfs, Black, white and green Gauze Veils, Silk and cotton Hose and half Hose, Bobinet Muslin, lace and thread Edging, Silk, lace and H. S. Gloves, Umbrellas and Parasols, French Bombazine, Crape, lasting and camblet Erminet, Princetta, Linen Drillings, Blue and yellow Nankeens, Rouen Casimers, Lined Sheetings, Brown, and bl'ch'd Sheetings & Shirtings, Irish Linens and Damask Table Cloths, Blue, black, Adelaide and } Cloths, Rifle green } Silk and Palm Leaf Hats, White and blue spun Cotton, &c. &c. ALSO, A good assortment of Ladies' and Gentlemen's fine and coarse Shoes, Brown, Loaf and Lump Sugars, Preserved Ginger, Raisins, Almonds, &c. S. & J. BATTLE, Newbern, April 26th, 1836.

NEW GOODS.

THE subscriber has returned from New York, and is now opening at his old stand, situated in the West end of Jones county, near the Cross Roads, on Tuckahoe, A general assortment of SPRING AND SUMMER FANCY GOODS, GROCERIES, HARDWARE AND CUTLERY, CROCKERY, WELL ASSORTED, A SMALL ASSORTMENT OF DRUGS AND MEDICINES, Such as are usually kept in Families; Assorted kinds of Plough, Tire IRON, and STEEL; A large and general assortment of Ladies', Gentlemen's, and Misses SHOES; HATS, BONNETS, &c. All of which (having been carefully selected by himself), he offers to the public on accommodating terms, for Cash or Country Produce. Gentlemen and Ladies are respectfully invited to call and judge for themselves. OWEN B. COX, May 2d, 1836.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned have re-associated themselves under the firm of S. & J. Battle, for the purpose of transacting a general Mercantile business. SAM'L. G. BATTLE, J. A. M. BATTLE, Newbern, 1st April, 1836.

NEW GOODS.

THE subscriber has just received from New York, by the Schooner Select and other late arrivals, the following articles, viz: 50 bbls. New York Canal Flour, 20 " half do. do. 10 bbls. Navy and Pilot Bread, 10 do. Eye Gin, 45 do. 4th proof old Monongahela Whiskey, 2 quarter casks Malaga Wine, 15 bbls. Linsseed, Winter-strained Sperma & Train Oil, 10 baskets Champagne Wine, 3 chests Hyson, Gunpowder & Imperial Tea, 6 bales Cassia, 10 bbls. New York Mess Pork, 25 pieces heavy 43 inch Dundee Bagging, 25 coils Bale Rope, 1-2 pipe very superior Champagne Brandy, 1000 bushels Turks Island Salt, 4 kegs Dupont's Powder, ALSO IN STORE, 1000 bushels Irish Potatoes, 6 whole tierces Charleston Rice, 6 half do. do. do. 50 bbls. fresh Baltimore Flour. JOS. M. GRANADE, Newbern, Feb. 1836.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

THOSE who are indebted to the subscriber, by note or account, are earnestly requested to make immediate payment. As former notices of this kind have been too generally unavailing, he assures those who disregard this, that his claims against them shall be put in a train of collection forthwith. JOHN TEMPLETON, Newbern, 1st April, 1836. J. T. offers for sale a first rate PIANO FORTÉ, made by Grove & Wohlen, and just imported.

Bank of Newbern.

January 4th, 1836. A DIVIDEND of Capital of seven per cent. is this day declared by the Bank, payable to Stockholders or their legal representatives, after the 20th instant. JOHN W. GUION, Cashier.

FOR SALE. 500 LBS. good live Geese Feathers by the subscribers. BOOTH & PORTER, April 26th, 1836.

THE HIGHEST CASH PRICES WILL be given for Negroes from the age of 18 to 25 years, by JAMES FULSHIRE, Newbern, March 9, 1836.